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COUNCILWOMAN SHACKELTON AT NEXT FBA MEETING

Councilwoman Polly Shackelton will speak at the Foggy Bottom Association meeting Monday, November 25th, at 8:00 p.m. Councilwoman Shackelton was the presiding officer for the D.C. City Council when the National Capital Planning Commission approved the proposed change from apartments and hotel to an office building at Columbia Plaza. All who want to retain the residential character of Foggy Bottom are urged to attend the November 25th Meeting.

News from Our Big Neighbor

GWU PRESIDENT ADDRESSES FBA

The future plans of George Washington University were presented by President Lloyd H. Elliott at the October 28 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. President Elliott pointed out that, in accordance with a decision made by the Board of Trustees three years ago, there will be no increased enrollment from the average 13,000 to 14,000 students for the next five or ten years. Rather, the University foresees a decrease from an average freshman class of 1,500 to about 750, with a corresponding increase in transfers at the junior year level. The law school will remain about the same size and the medical school will increase from an enrollment of 400 to 600.

When questioned on this trend, he foresaw this would mean a more mature student body, often married, and interested in apartment living off-campus. The university itself is not planning any new housing facilities above the present dormitory space for 2,400 students.

Physically, the University is proceeding with its basic plan to acquire land between F St. and Pennsylvania Ave. and 19th and 24th Streets. This project is at present about 75% complete. No major research facilities are contemplated, however, in this downtown area. They plan to acquire acreage outside the city for a research farm for its medical facilities, including the research animals located in the Warwick Memorial Cancer Clinic.

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NEW BOOK ABOUT FOGGY BOTTOM IS PUBLISHED

An exciting new book about the Foggy Bottom area is now available, and is a "must" for all those interested in the neighborhood and its history. Its title is "St. Stephen Martyr Church and the Community, 1867-1967," and it is rich in its emphasis on "The Community."

The author is Dr. Harold D. Langley, Professor of History at Catholic University and a Foggy Bottom resident. The 131-page book was prepared as part of the Centennial Celebration, and published by the St. Stephen's Centennial Committee. It is available at St. Stephen's and at the Saville Book Shop in the Watergate complex. The price is \$10.00.

As the title suggests, the text is an interweaving of church and community during the past hundred years. Over 140 illustrations are included, many of which depict happenings at St. Stephens. The majority, however, concern the city or the community, and the scope of the illustrations can be shown by the following examples: a photo of the 10th Veteran Reserve Corps at Washington Circle in 1865 and of the Ecumenical Palm Sunday service held there in 1967; a lithographed map of the FB area dating from 1883 and an aerial photo taken in 1968 (with shots from the 1920's and 1940's in between).

This writer is qualified neither by historical knowledge or other talents to do justice to a review of this new publication, but must simply state her belief that any resident of Foggy Bottom who is truly interested in the area will be captivated by it.

Ellie Becker

RUN-OFF ELECTION

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, November 25

THE
FOGGY
BOTTOM
FARMERETTE



Plant next spring's flowers now. It's easy.

For your balcony garden, use 8-inch pots for hyacinths or tulips. Pots receive successive layers of (1) broken pottery for drainage, (2) rich topsoil (I use African violet soil), (3) bone meal for fertilizer (just enough to cover the soil layer), (4) another layer of soil and then five or six fat tulip or hyacinth bulbs and (5) more soil to an inch below the top. Water completely once by placing pots in a dishpan of water until the soil is saturated.

All bulbs require at least five weeks of cold and complete darkness for root growth before bringing to a sunny window for top growth. At Columbia Plaza we have a balcony closet that is dark and cold. On your balcony or outside your row house a wooden box with top and bottom removed can substitute. Place pots inside the box with wet leaves around and over them to keep out light. Prop up the cover to keep rain out and let air in. If that can't be done use your refrigerator. One fat hyacinth bulb or two tulip bulbs, or three crocus bulbs will fit in one 3-inch pot on the lower shelf.

Remember - six weeks of dark and cold (above 40 degrees) - then out into the sun for mid-winter flower show inside or on the balcony at Easter.

Mary Lande

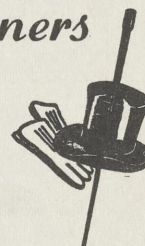
New Horizons Retirees Club

Bridge and chess games and ceramics classes are promoting new friendships and interests for members of the New Horizons Retirees Club. Miss Ann Pippin (FE 7-3400) is chairman. The club, sponsored by the D.C. Recreation Department, meets at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Union Methodist Church, 814 20th St., N.W. The next meeting will be November 25. Bridge games are held at the same place every Monday at 1:00. The ceramics class meets at 1:30 Wednesday at the Gallinger Recreation Center. For further information call 338-4428 between 9:30 and 6:00.

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CRITIQUE



by Fox von Boom

Foggy Bottom is in a "four-way squeeze" with (1) government's push for office buildings west of 23rd St. at Columbia Plaza and at Watergate, (2) G.W. University building a \$16 million hospital complex west of 23rd St., (3) no new housing for the expanding married student population and undergraduates at GW, and (4) GW President Elliott's admission that their building program will not provide enough parking.

"Ghetto" involvement in neighborhood planning is now an accepted principle in city planning. Neighborhood involvement for planning in healthy communities should be just as accepted. Foggy Bottom as a community is threatened, and needs involvement by its residents. Join its association.

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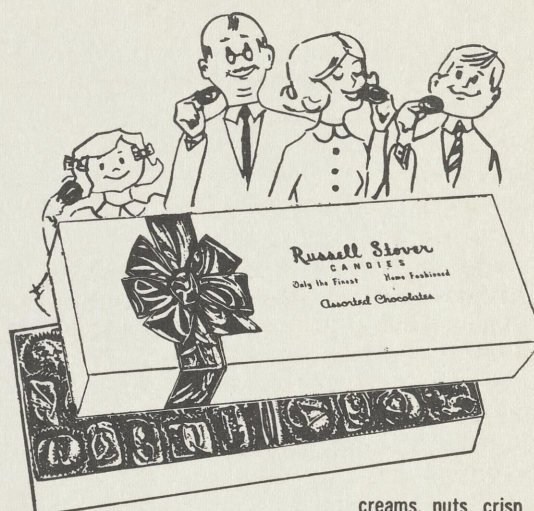
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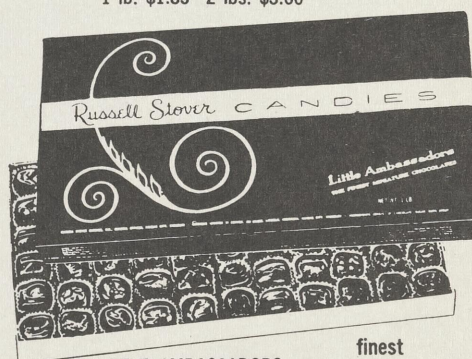
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FOGGY DOINGS

Nathaniel and Liz Davis are leaving the Bottom in late November to occupy the Ambassador's residence in Guatemala City. Liz has been one of the FBA's busiest members, serving as Treasurer last year and as a member of the Executive Board this year.

Since their return from their last foreign post in Sophia, Bulgaria, where Nathaniel was Minister, he has been assigned to the White House, and Liz has devoted her energies to the FBA, fair housing, and planning a home on 26th St., which they hope will be built in their absence.

One special project close to her heart is promoting park areas in the Bottom, especially the use of the land near Virginia Ave. and Rock Creek Parkway. She is hopeful that another FB resident will become interested in this project and pursue the appropriate government agencies about it, since the near future is the critical time for action.

As they leave the Bottom for the heights of Guatemala City, many good wishes go with them.

If you did not cast your vote November 5, you can't blame Diplomat Cleaners' Joe Policelli. For some weeks prior to the election, his windows were decorated, impartially, with donkeys and elephants, and even the plastic garment bags leaving his store bore the same message.

Henry Rosenblatt, 59, proprietor of Rosenblatt's Market, 25th & K Sts., died September 10 after a short illness. We'll miss the soft-spoken grocer, who served the area for many years. Mrs. Rosenblatt will continue to operate the market.

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The writer can only write about news she hears about, and welcomes notes, or calls about doings in the neighborhood - at 337-5528.

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The proposed new medical school and library facilities, near the hospital, will cost about \$19 million, with \$6 million still needed to begin construction. He said these plans include three levels of underground parking across the two blocks where the construction will take place. In addition, the University is planning to build a parking garage in the area. He readily admitted, however, that there never would be enough parking provided for the downtown area.

Circle Theatre

2103 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. FE 7-4470

- Nov. 22-24 "The Knack" & "The Collector"
 Nov. 25 "Private Life of Henry VIII" & "Beachcomber"
 Nov. 26 "Third Man" & "Then There Were None"
 Nov. 27-30 "Petulia" & "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush"

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- Dec. 1-3 "Persona" & "Hour of the Wolf"
 Dec. 4-5 "Monika" & "All These Women"
 Dec. 6-9 "Virgin Spring" & "Through A Glass Darkly"
 Dec. 10 "Three Strange Loves" & "Illicit Interlude"

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